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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee
Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure
Investment
WC Docket Nos. 17-83 and 17-84
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of my client Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent") to report on a meeting on June 9, 2017, between Chairman Pai and Nicholas Degani, Chief of Staff to Chairman Pai and the following representatives of Midcontinent: Pat McAdaragh, President and CEO, Jon Pederson, Chief Technical Officer, Jon Lundgren, General Operations Manager – Rapid City, Julie Jeffries, Retail Manager, Tim Reilly, Creative Coordinator, and Dan Nelson, Director of Governmental Affairs. The meeting was held at Midcontinent's headend facility in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The Midcontinent representatives discussed the operational challenges of offering broadband service in sparsely populated areas of the Great Plains. The discussion included issues relating to the deployment of backup power supplies, emergency fiber splicing, and repair and resilient architecture and design. The Midcontinent representatives expressed the company's support for Chairman Pai's proposed "light touch" approach to regulation of broadband services.

During the meeting, Midcontinent provided written materials on its high-speed services to the Commission participants. Those materials are available to the public online at <http://www.gomidcobusiness.com/view/mail?iID=MdQ4xnKsDFtK7kbhdxjW>.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this notice is being submitted to the Commission within two business days of the oral ex parte presentation by submission to the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System in each of the dockets referenced above.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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